## What Is Claimed Is:

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1	1. A method for allocating computer system resources between	
2	concurrently executing workloads, comprising:	
3	establishing a first resource pool that specifies requirements for each of a	
4	plurality of different computer system resources;	
5	allocating the plurality of different computer system resources to one or	
6	more resource pools, including the first resource pool, to create a resource	
7	allocation, wherein requirements of the first resource pool are satisfied, and	
8	wherein resources allocated to the first resource pool can change over time; and	
9	binding a first process to the first resource pool, so that the first process	
10	has access to the plurality of different computer system resources allocated to the	
11	first resource pool.	
1	2. The method of claim 1, wherein allocating the plurality of different	
2	computer system resources to one or more resource pools involves:	
3	partitioning each of the plurality of different computer system resources	
4	into one or more partitions, wherein a first partition is associated with a first	
5	resource and a second partition is associated with a second resource;	
6	allocating the first partition to a single resource pool, so that only	
7	processes associated with the single resource pool can access the first partition;	
8	and	
9	allocating the second partition to multiple resource pools so that processes	
10	associated with the multiple resource pools can share the second partition.	

The method of claim 1, wherein prior to allocating the plurality of

different computer system resources, the method further comprises:

3	verifying that collective requirements of the one or more resource pools			
4	can be satisfied; and			
5	if the collective requirements cannot be satisfied, signaling an error			
6	condition.			
1	4. The method of claim 1, wherein establishing the first resource po			
2	involves selecting a file containing a representation of the first resource pool from			
3	a plurality of possible files.			
1	5. The method of claim 1, further comprising storing a representati	.on		
2	of the resource allocation to non-volatile storage so that the resource allocation			
3	can be reused after a machine failure.			
1	6. The method of claim 5, wherein storing the representation of the	2		
2	resource allocation involves storing a representation of each of the one or more			
3	resource pools along with associated resources.			
3	resource pools along with associated resources.			
1	7. The method of claim 5, wherein storing the representation of the	Э		
2	resource allocation involves storing an Extensible Markup Language (XML)			
3	representation of the resource allocation.			
1	8. The method of claim 1,			
2	wherein the first resource pool is associated with a first project; and			
3	wherein the first process is one of a plurality of processes associated with			
4	the first project.			
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1	9. The method of claim 1, wherein establishing the first resource p	ool		
2	involves establishing minimum and maximum requirements for a given resource			
1	10. The method of claim 1, further comprising dynamically adjustir	ıg		
2	the resource allocation during system execution.			
1	11. The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of different compu	ıter		
2	system resources can include:			
3	central processing units;			
4	semiconductor memory;			
5	swap space; and			
6	networking resources.			
1	12. A computer-readable storage medium storing instructions that			
2	when executed by a computer cause the computer to perform a method for			
3	allocating computer system resources between concurrently executing workloads			
4	the method comprising:			
5	establishing a first resource pool that specifies requirements for each of a			
6	plurality of different computer system resources;			
7	allocating the plurality of different computer system resources to one o	r		
8	more resource pools, including the first resource pool, to create a resource			
9	allocation, wherein requirements of the first resource pool are satisfied, and			
10	wherein resources allocated to the first resource pool can change over time; and			
11	binding a first process to the first resource pool, so that the first process			
12	has access to the plurality of different computer system resources allocated to	the		

first resource pool.

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1	13. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 12, wherein		
2	allocating the plurality of different computer system resources to one or more		
3	resource pools involves:		
4	partitioning each of the plurality of different computer system resources		
5	into one or more partitions, wherein a first partition is associated with a first		
6	resource and a second partition is associated with a second resource;		
7	allocating the first partition to a single resource pool, so that only		
8	processes associated with the single resource pool can access the first partition;		
9	and		
10	allocating the second partition to multiple resource pools so that processes		
11	associated with the multiple resource pools can share the second partition.		
1	14. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 12, wherein prior		
2	to allocating the plurality of different computer system resources, the method		
3	further comprises:		
4	verifying that collective requirements of the one or more resource pools		
5	can be satisfied; and		
6	if the collective requirements cannot be satisfied, signaling an error		
7	condition.		
1	15. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 12, wherein		
2	establishing the first resource pool involves selecting a file containing a		
3	representation of the first resource pool from a plurality of possible files.		
1	16. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 12, wherein the		

method further comprises storing a representation of the resource allocation to

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- non-volatile storage so that the resource allocation can be reused after a machine failure.
   17. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 16, wherein
- 1 17. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 16, wherein 2 storing the representation of the resource allocation involves storing a 3 representation of each of the one or more resource pools along with associated 4 resources.
- 1 18. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 16, wherein 2 storing the representation of the resource allocation involves storing an Extensible 3 Markup Language (XML) representation of the resource allocation.
- 1 19. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 12,
  2 wherein the first resource pool is associated with a first project; and
  3 wherein the first process is one of a plurality of processes associated with
  4 the first project.
  - 20. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 12, wherein establishing the first resource pool involves establishing minimum and maximum requirements for a given resource.
- 1 21. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 12, wherein the 2 method further comprises dynamically adjusting the resource allocation during 3 system execution.
- 1 22. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 12, wherein the 2 plurality of different computer system resources can include:

3	central processing units;		
4	semiconductor memory;		
5	swap space; and		
6	networking resources.		
1	23. An apparatus that allocates computer system resources between		
2	concurrently executing workloads, comprising:		
3	an establishment mechanism that is configured to establish a first resourc		
4	pool that specifies requirements for each of a plurality of different computer		
5	system resources;		
6	an allocation mechanism that is configured to allocate the plurality of		
7	different computer system resources to one or more resource pools, including the		
8	first resource pool, to create a resource allocation, wherein requirements of the		
9	first resource pool are satisfied, and wherein resources allocated to the first		
10	resource pool can change over time; and		
11	a binding mechanism that is configured to bind a first process to the first		
12	resource pool, so that the first process has access to the plurality of different		
13	computer system resources allocated to the first resource pool.		
1	24. The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the allocation mechanism is		
2	configured to:		
3	partition each of the plurality of different computer system resources into		
4	one or more partitions, wherein a first partition is associated with a first resource		
5	and a second partition is associated with a second resource;		
6	allocate the first partition to a single resource pool, so that only processes		
7	associated with the single resource pool can access the first partition; and to		

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8	allocate the second partition to multiple resource pools so that processes		
9	associated wit	h the multiple resource pools can share the second partition.	
1	25.	The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the apparatus additionally	
2	includes a ver	ification mechanism that is configured to verify that collective	
3	requirements of the one or more resource pools can be satisfied;		
4	wherein if the collective requirements cannot be satisfied, the verification		
5	mechanism is configured to signal an error condition.		
1	26.	The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the establishment mechanism	
2	is configured to select a file containing a representation of the first resource pool		
3	from a plurality of possible files.		
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1	27.	The apparatus of claim 23, further comprising an archiving	
2	mechanism tl	nat is configured to store a representation of the resource allocation to	
3	non-volatile storage so that the resource allocation can be reused after a machine		
4	failure.		
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1	28.	The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the archiving mechanism is	
2	configured to	store a representation of each of the one or more resource pools	
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1	29	The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the archiving mechanism is	

The apparatus of claim 23,

configured to store an Extensible Markup Language (XML) representation of the

1	wherein the first resource pool is associated with a first project; and		
2	wherein the first process is one of a plurality of processes associated with		
3	the first project.		
1	The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the establishment mechanism		
2	is configured to establish minimum and maximum requirements for a given		
3	resource.		
1	32. The apparatus of claim 23, further comprising an adjustment		
2	mechanism that is configured to dynamically adjust the resource allocation during		
3	system execution.		
1	33. The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the plurality of different		
2	computer system resources can include:		
3	central processing units;		
4	semiconductor memory;		
5	swap space; and		
6	networking resources.		